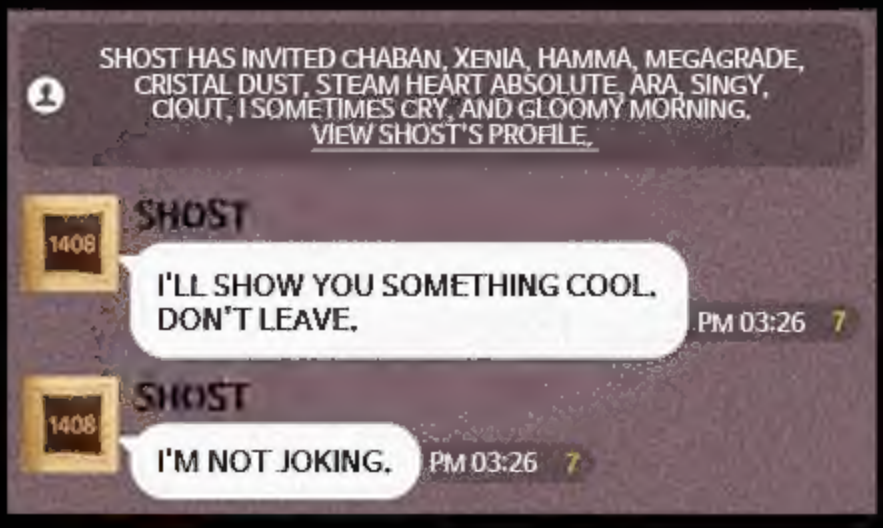
A PEACEFUL SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

AN AFTERNOON OF HALF LISTENING
TO THE SOUND OF THE TV AND WONDERING
WHAT I SHOULD HAVE FOR DINNER.

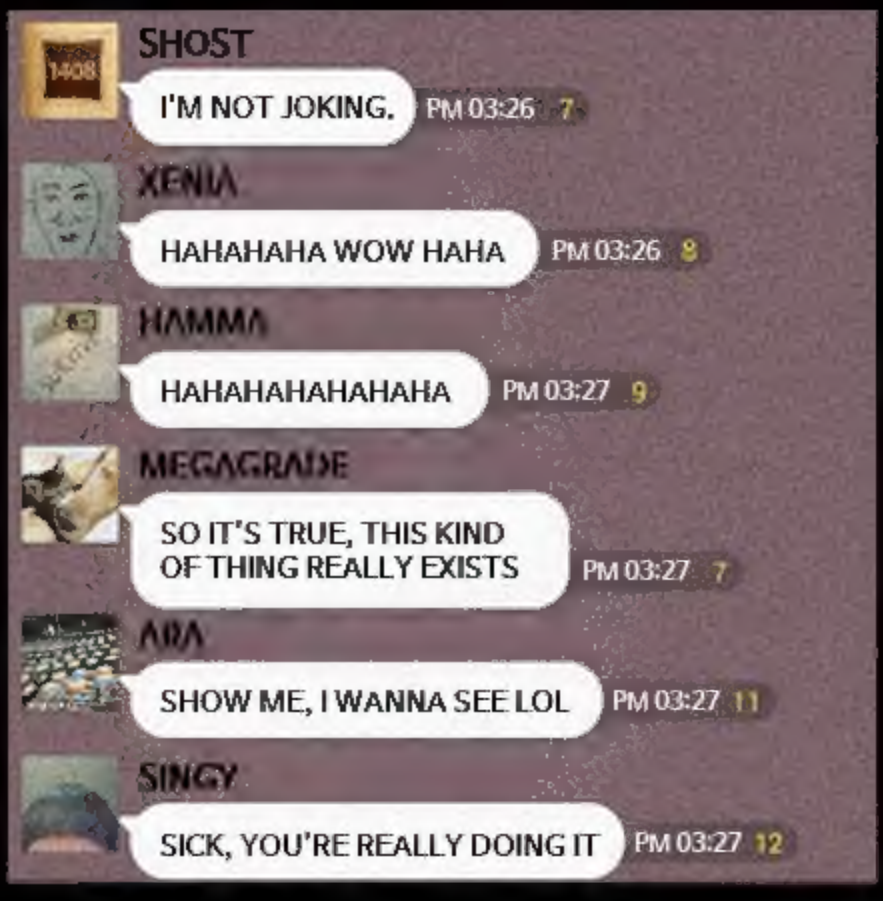
CHIK-
CHIK-
AHH.
THAT FEELS
GOOD-

THE INCIDENT BEGAN WITH
THE SOUND OF AN INCOMING TEXT.


SHOST HAS INVITED CHABAN, XENIA, HAMMA, MEGAGRADE, CRISTAL DUST, STEAM HEART ABSOLUTE, ARA, SINGY, CIOUT, I SOMETIMES CRY, AND GLOOMY MORNING.
VIEW SHOST'S PROFILE.
1408
SHOST
I'LL SHOW YOU SOMETHING COOL. DON'T LEAVE.
PM 03:26
1408
SHOST
I'M NOT JOKING.
PM 03:26

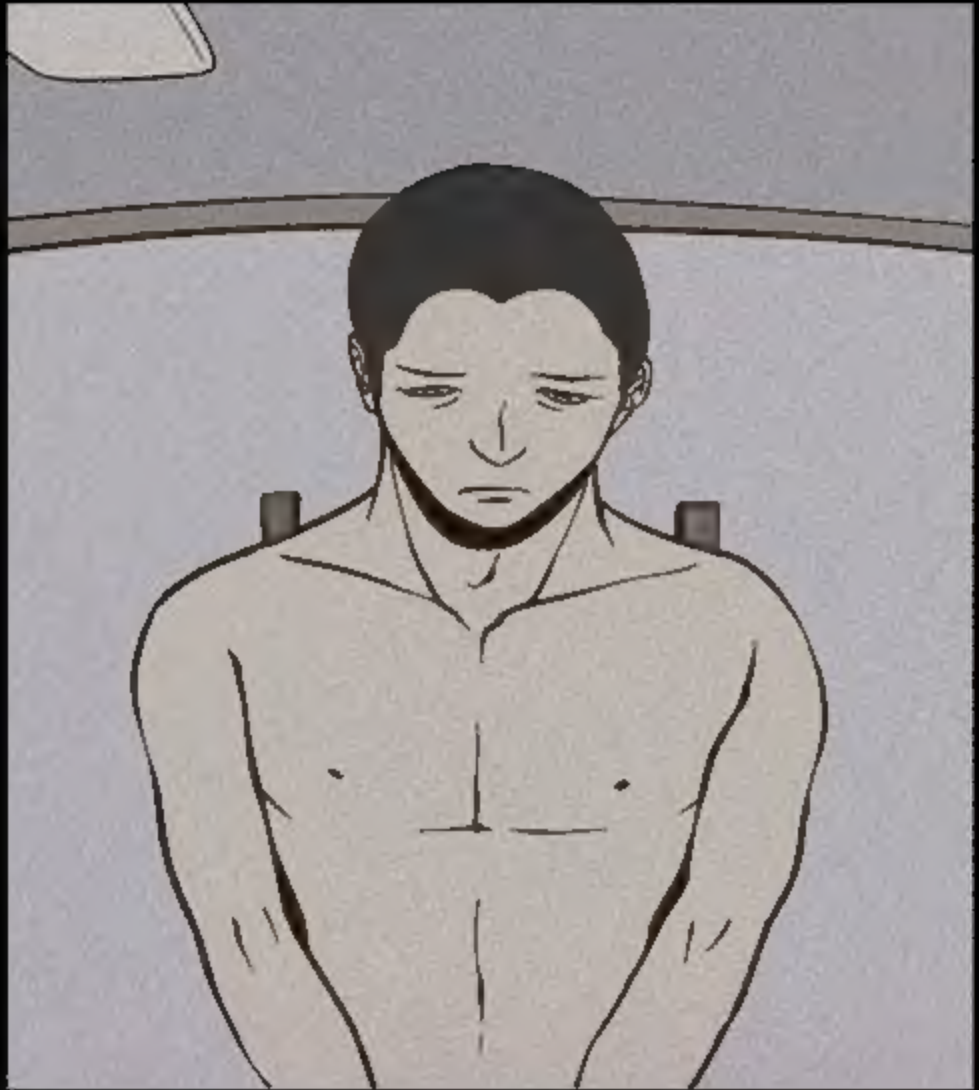
A BUNCH OF PEOPLE
I HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE WERE INVITED
TO A NEWLY CREATED GROUP CHATROOM.

I CAREFULLY INSPECTED THE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE IN THE CHATROOM.


SHOST
I'M NOT JOKING. PM 03:26 7
XENIA
HAHAHAHA WOW HAHA PM 03:26 8
HAMMA
HAHAHAHAHAHAHA PM 03:27 9
MEGAGRADE
SO IT'S TRUE, THIS KIND OF THING REALLY EXISTS PM 03:27 7
ARA
SHOW ME, I WANNA SEE LOL PM 03:27 11
SINGY
SICK, YOU'RE REALLY DOING IT PM 03:27 12

AS I WONDERED ABOUT IT,
A SINGLE PICTURE APPEARED.

I CAUSALLY CLICKED IT.



IN THE PICTURE, I SAW THE FACE OF A FAMILIAR PERSON SITTING TOPLESS.

IT WAS THE VERY FAMILIAR FACE OF A FRIEND WHOM I HAD KNOWN SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

DEPOSIT?

DEPOSIT THE MONEY?

PFF. WHAT AN IDIOT.

THIS IS A BODY CAM SCAM!

FRIDAY
FORBIDDEN TALES
禁曜日

096. CAM SHOW

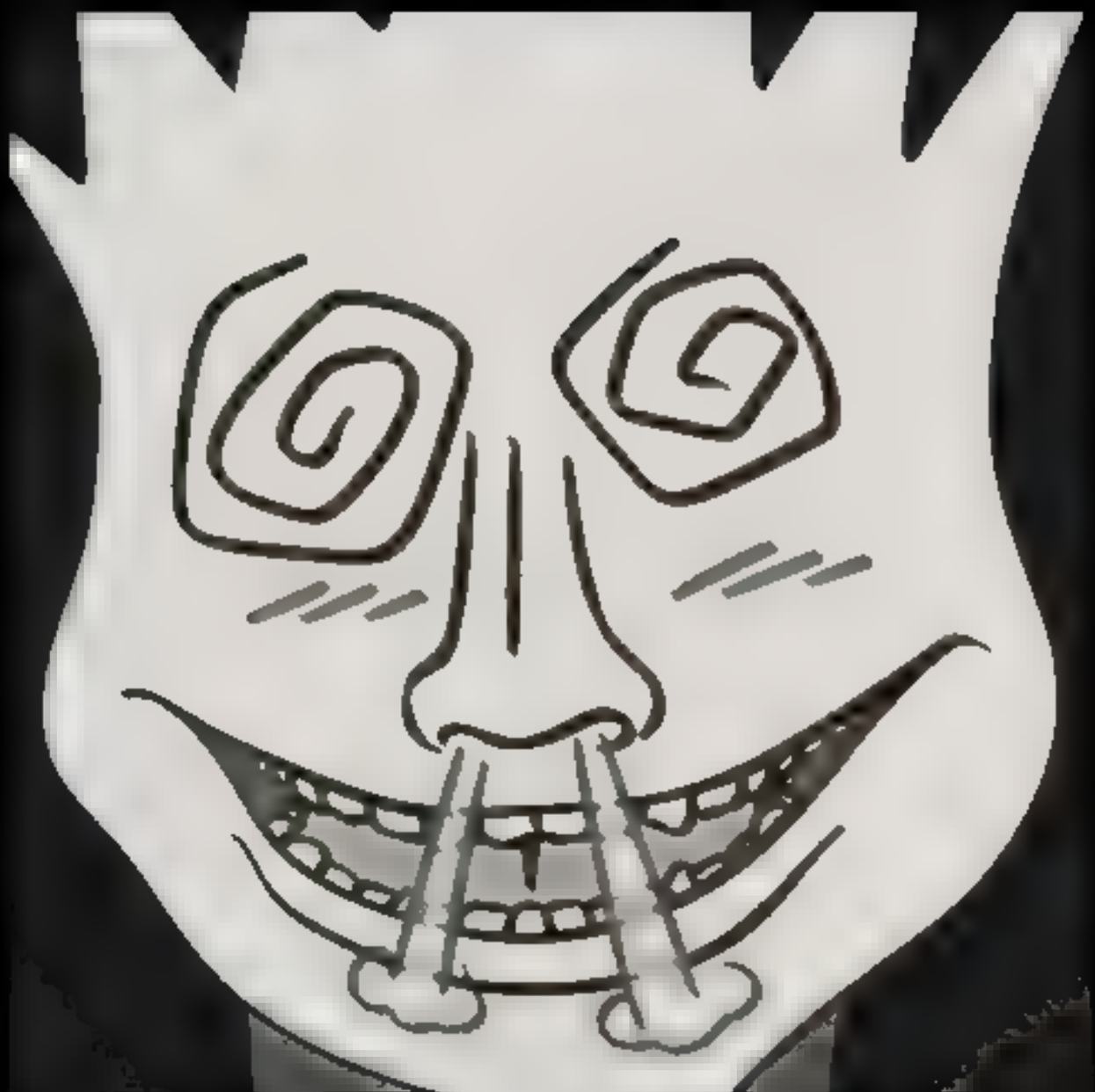
I WAS SURE OF IT WHEN HE SAID 'DEPOSIT THE MONEY.'

IT'S A NEW TYPE OF SCAM GOING AROUND NOWADAYS. A.K.A. BODY CAM.

IT WAS A NASTY SCAM,
BUT IT WAS ALSO REMARKABLY BRILLIANT
FOR STIMULATING THOSE UNFORTUNATE
MALE INSTINCTS.

1. START TALKING TO SOMEONE ON AN APP LIKE 'RANDOM CHAT' AND SUGGEST PLAYING A 'NAUGHTY GAME.'

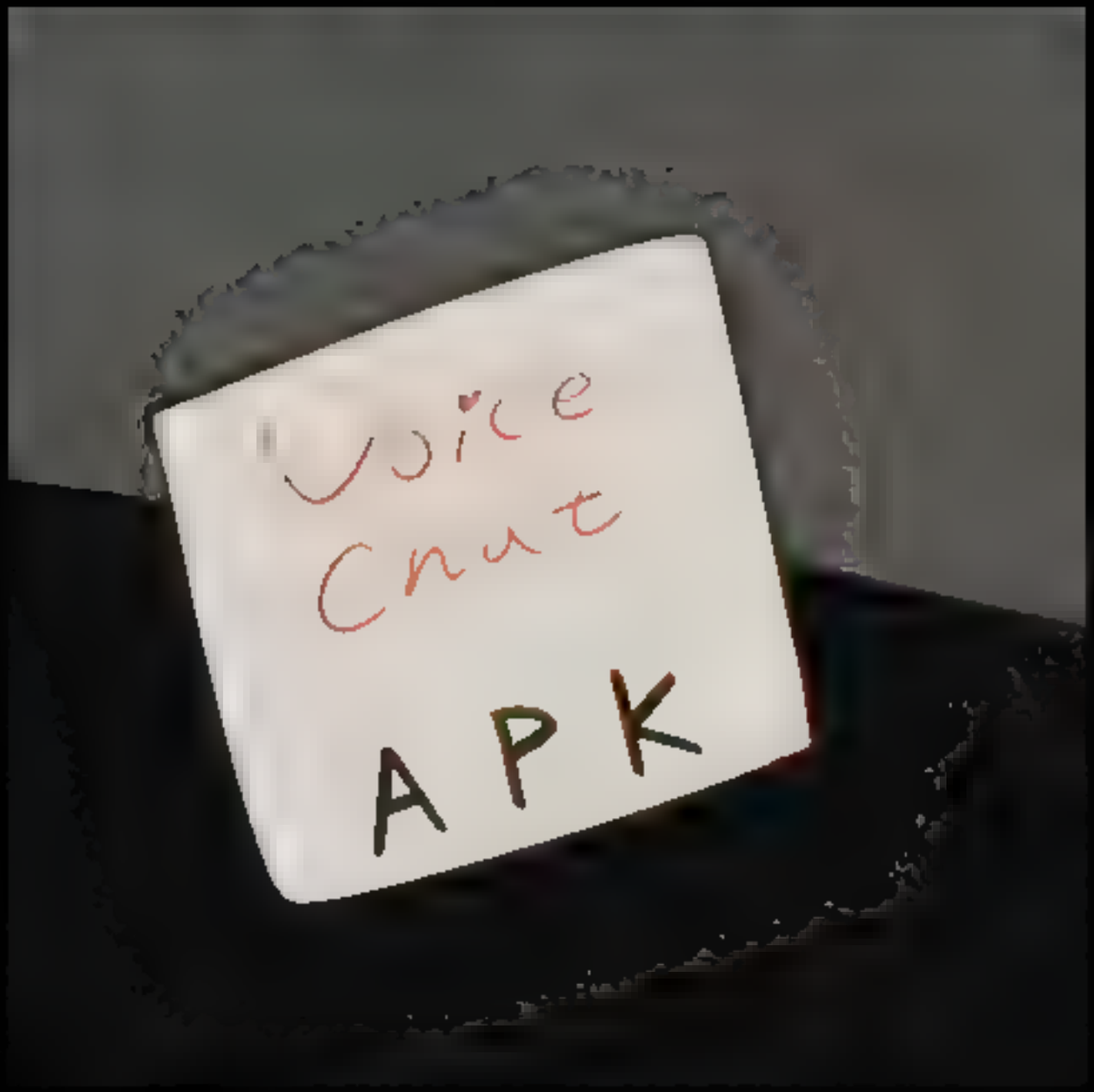
2. 11 OUT OF 10 MEN WILL GET EXCITED AND SAY 'OK.'



3. THE CROOK CREATES A SEXUAL VIBE AND TELLS THE OTHER PERSON TO TAKE OFF THEIR CLOTHES.

4. ONCE THEY CONFIRM THAT THE VICTIM IS COMPLETELY NAKED, THEY WILL ASK YOU TO INSTALL A SUSPICIOUS APP WITH DEMANDS LIKE 'LET'S DO THIS WITH BETTER VIDEO QUALITY,' 'I CAN'T HEAR YOUR VOICE,' OR 'DOWNLOAD AN AUDIO PACK.'

5. THE APP IS A HACKING PROGRAM. THE MOMENT THAT THE MAN INSTALLS IT, ALL OF THE CONTACTS ON HIS PHONE ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE CROOK'S COMPUTER.

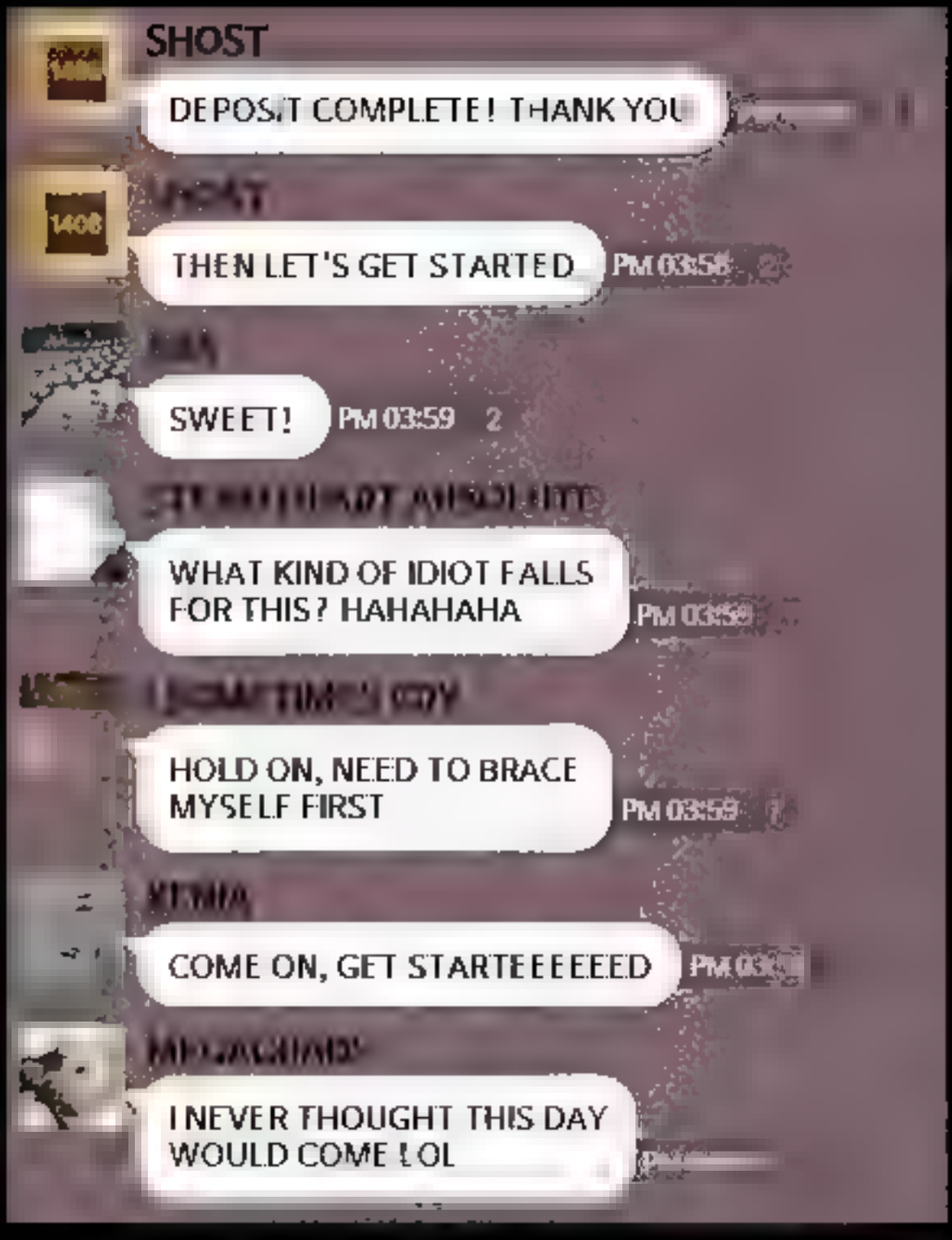


AFTER THAT, THEY START BLACKMAILING THE VICTIM USING FULLY NUDE PICTURES OF THEM.

THEY THREATEN THEM, SAYING: 'IF YOU DON'T PAY UP, I'LL SEND THIS VIDEO TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW.'

THE SCARIEST PART IS THAT THE BLACKMAILING CONTINUES EVEN IF YOU PAY THEM...
AND ULTIMATELY,

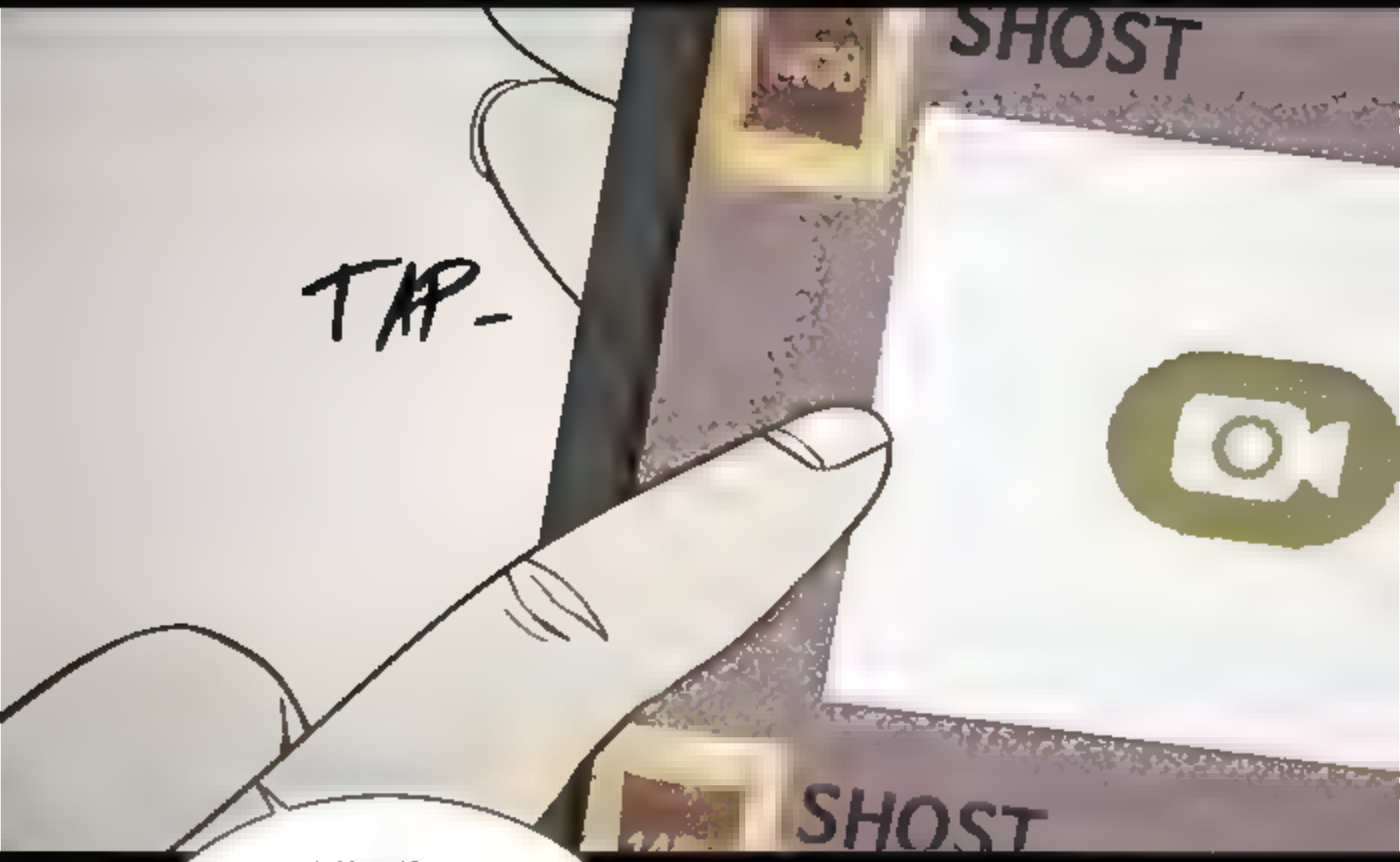
YOUR GENITALS ARE EXPOSED FOR THE WORLD TO SEE, INCLUDING YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, GIRLFRIEND, COWORKERS AND GRANDPARENTS.


SHOST
DEPOSIT COMPLETE! THANK YOU
THEN LET'S GET STARTED
PM 03:58
SWEET!
PM 03:59
WHAT KIND OF IDIOT FALLS FOR THIS? HAHAHAHA
HOLD ON, NEED TO BRACE MYSELF FIRST
COME ON, GET STARTEEEEEED
I NEVER THOUGHT THIS DAY WOULD COME LOL

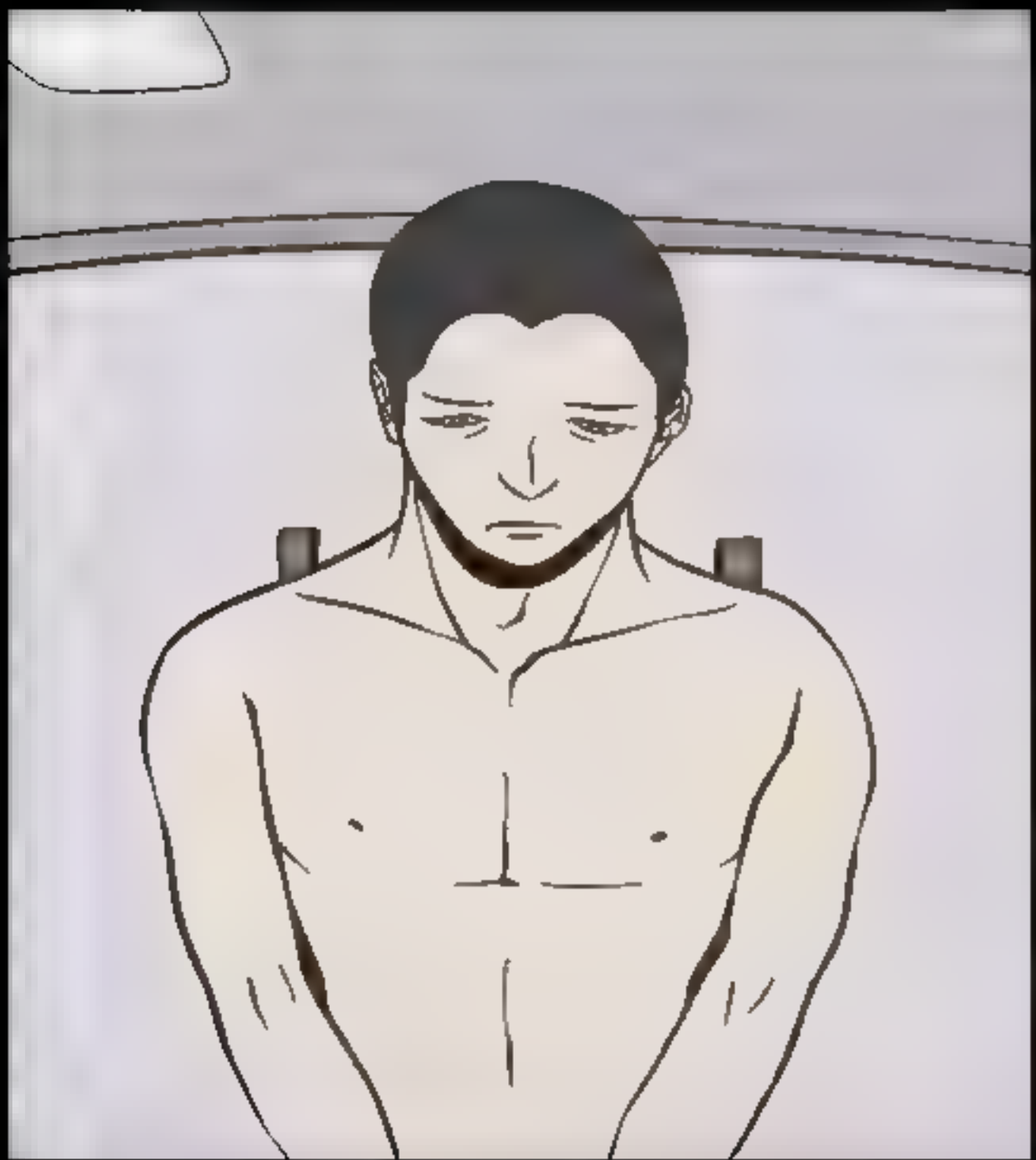
THEY'RE STILL CIRCULATING THE VIDEO EVEN THOUGH HE PAID? WOW, THEY'RE RUTHLESS.
SHOST
PM 04:01
ENJOY

HERE, I FIGURED THE PROPER THING TO DO AS A HUMAN BEING WOULD BE TO IGNORE THE VIDEO.

BUT I QUICKLY CHANGED MY PLANS AT THE THOUGHT THAT, AS A LOYAL FRIEND, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO OBTAIN ENOUGH MATERIAL TO TEASE HIM FOR A LIFETIME.

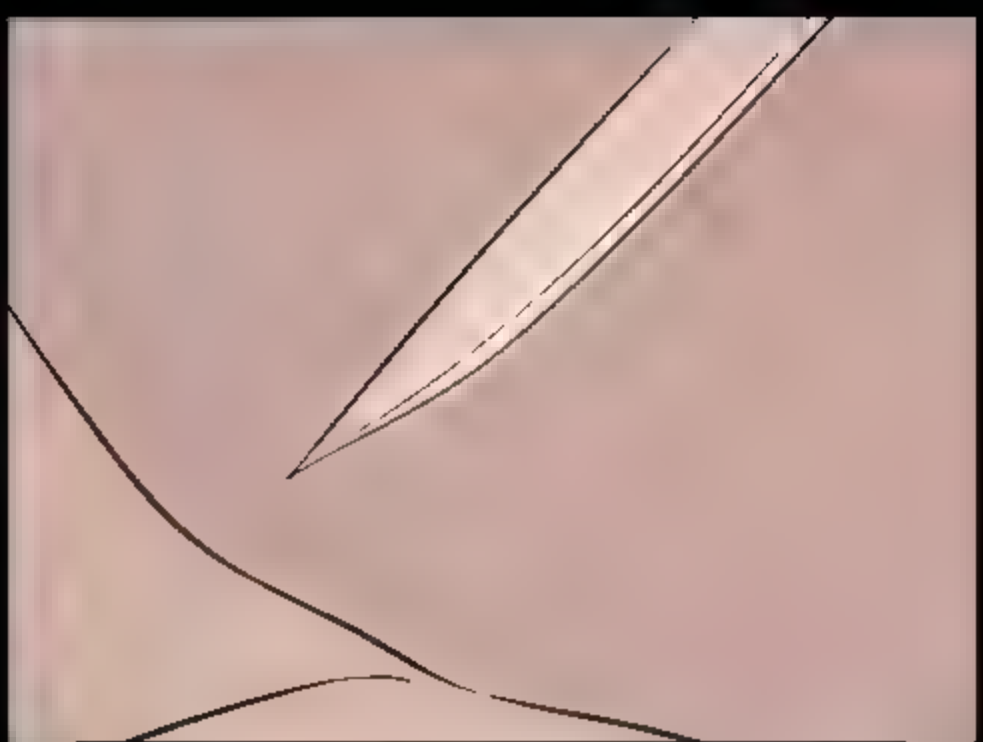


HEHE.
I'VE GOT TO
DOWNLOAD
THIS.



THERE WAS A STRANGE VIBE.
SUDDENLY, I SENSED THAT SOMETHING WAS WRONG.

UPON CLOSER INSPECTION, MY FRIEND IN THE VIDEO WASN'T MOVING AT ALL AS IF HE'S DRUGGED WITH SOMETHING.

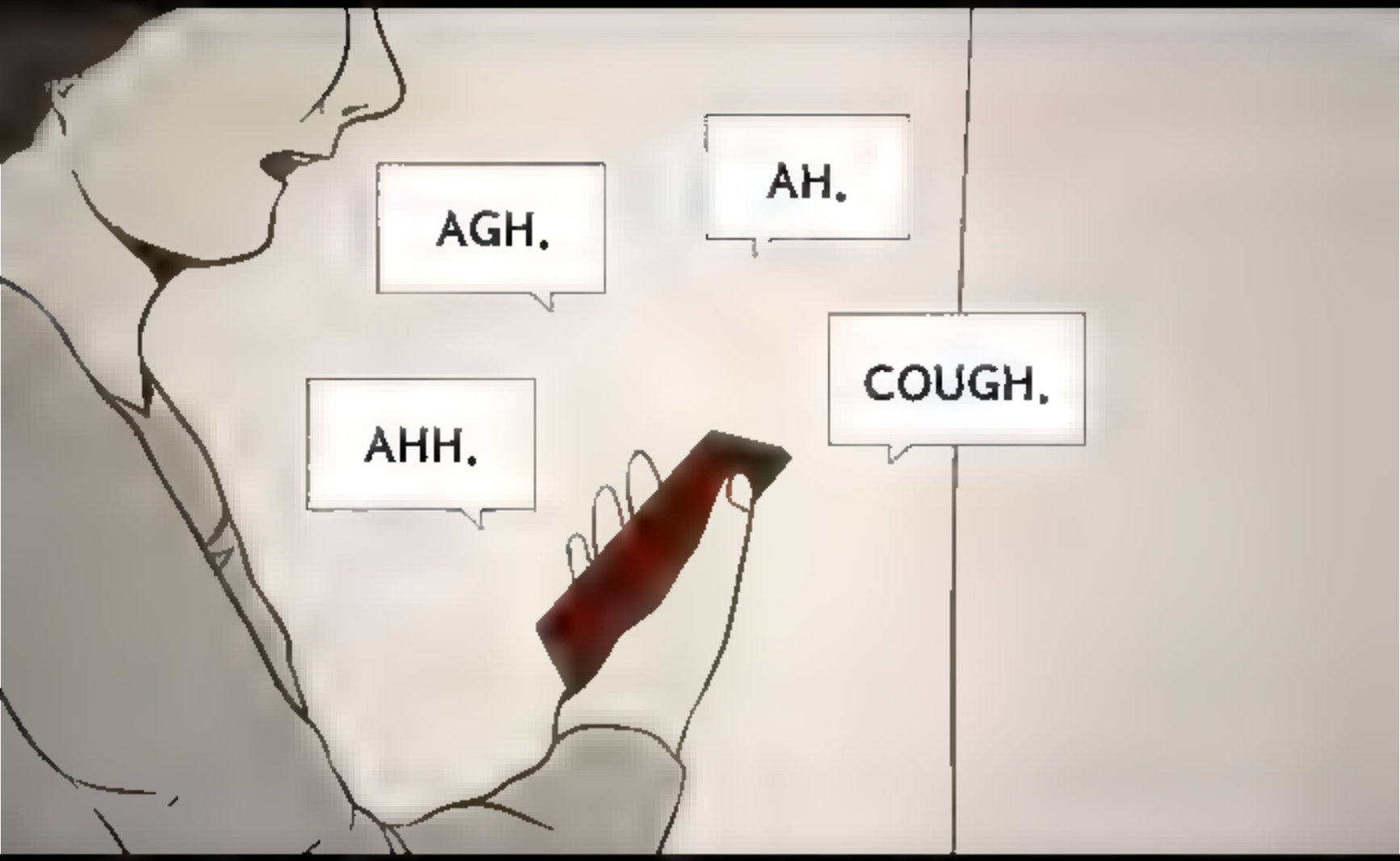


WITHOUT ANY TIME TO THINK,

A WHITE BLADE APPEARED ON THE SCREEN.

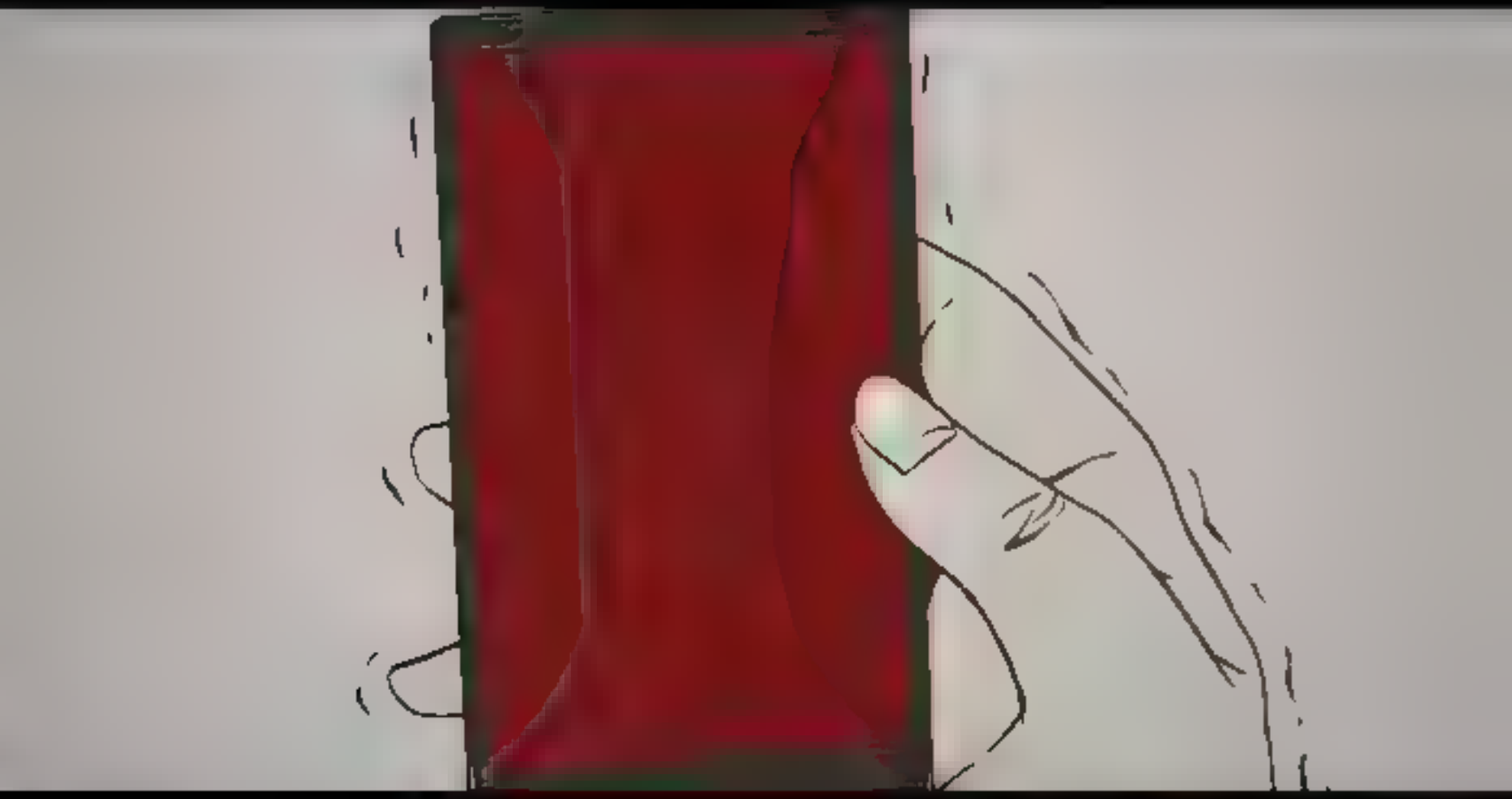
THE BLADE PIERCED THE NECK...

THE NECK OF MY LONGTIME FRIEND.



MERCILESSLY. OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

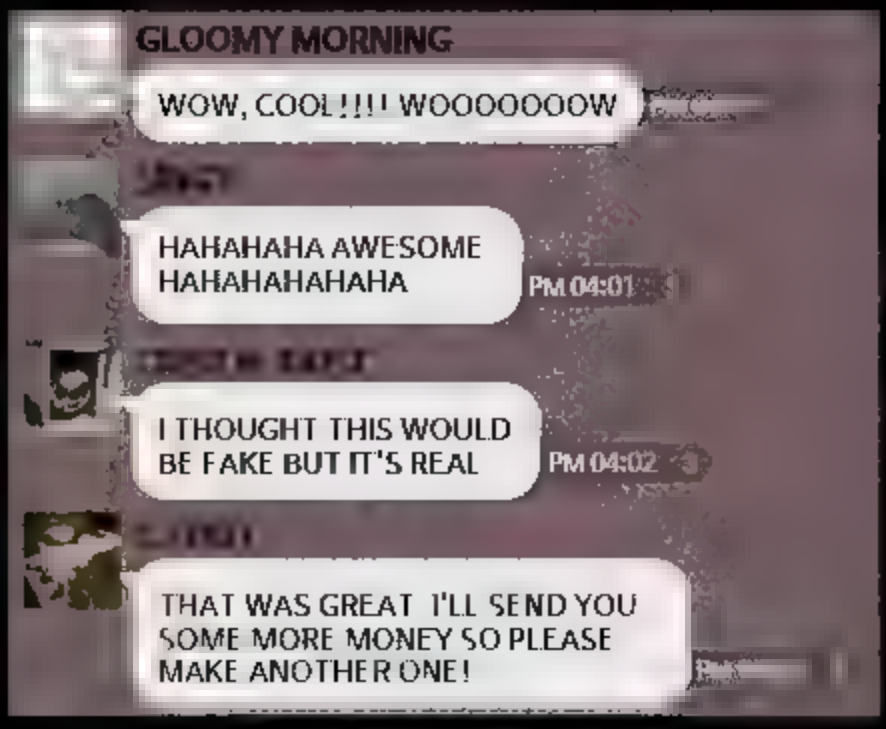
HE STABBED MY FRIEND.
BLOOD WAS SPURTING EVERYWHERE.

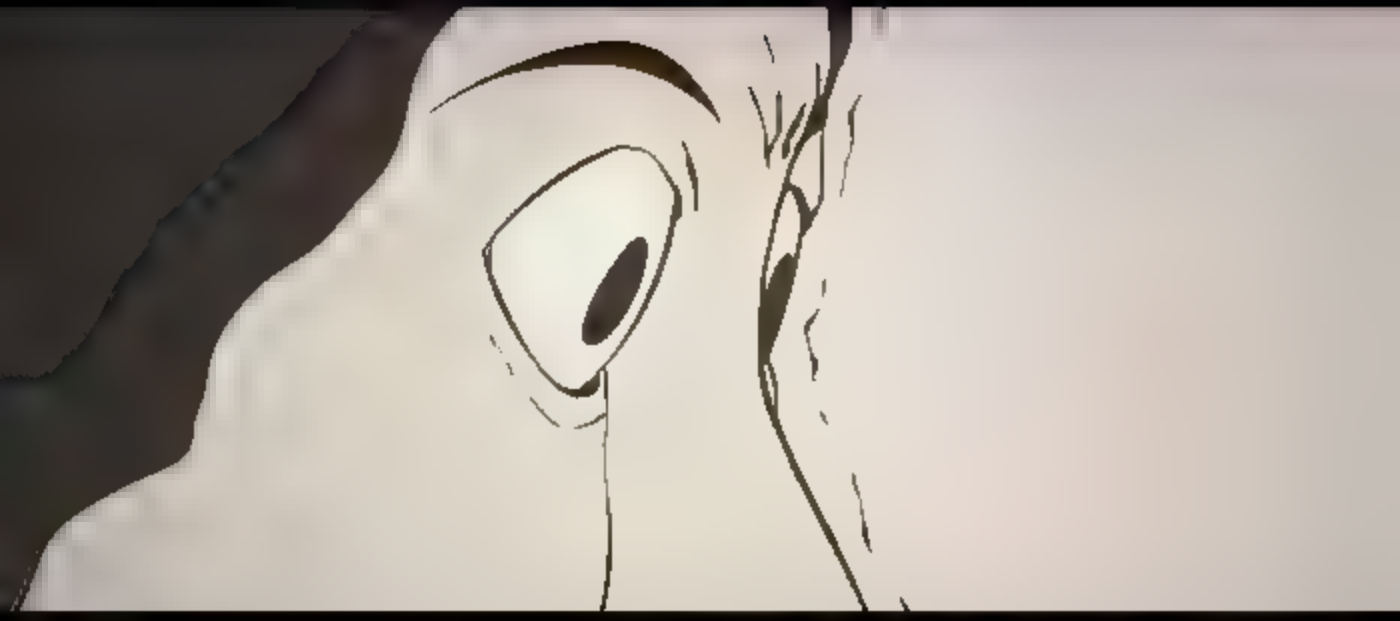


WHAT THE HELL? IS THIS REAL?
OR IS IT A HIDDEN CAMERA?
WHAT IS THIS? IS HE MESSING WITH ME?

WAIT, DID HE REALLY GET STABBED?
IS HE DEAD?

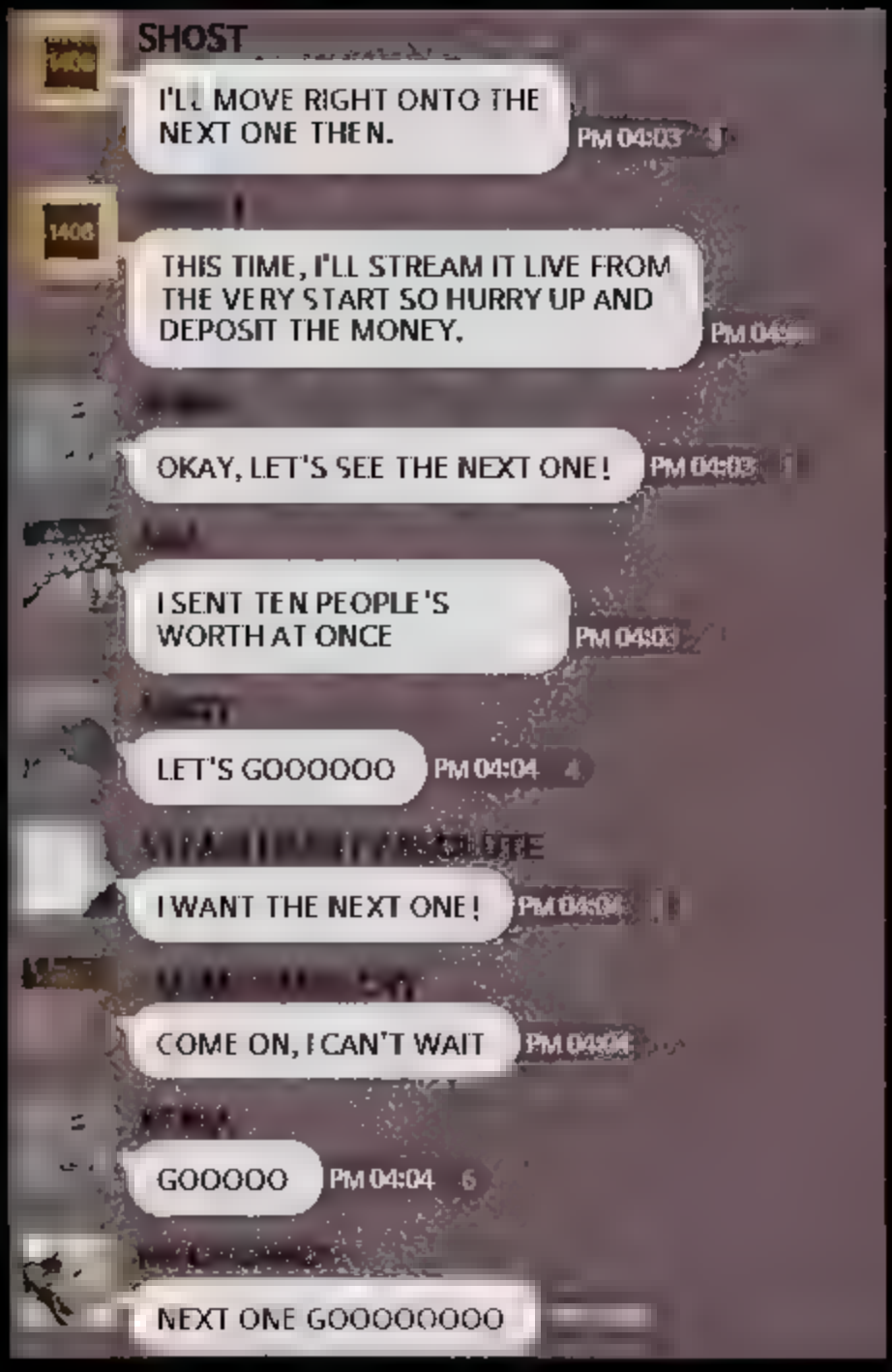
AS MY MIND RACED,
MESSAGES POURED IN LIKE CRAZY.


GLOOMY MORNING
WOW, COOL!!!! WOOOOOOOW
HAHAHAHA AWESOME HAHAHAHAHAHA
PM 04:01
I THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE FAKE BUT IT'S REAL
PM 04:02
THAT WAS GREAT I'LL SEND YOU SOME MORE MONEY SO PLEASE MAKE ANOTHER ONE!



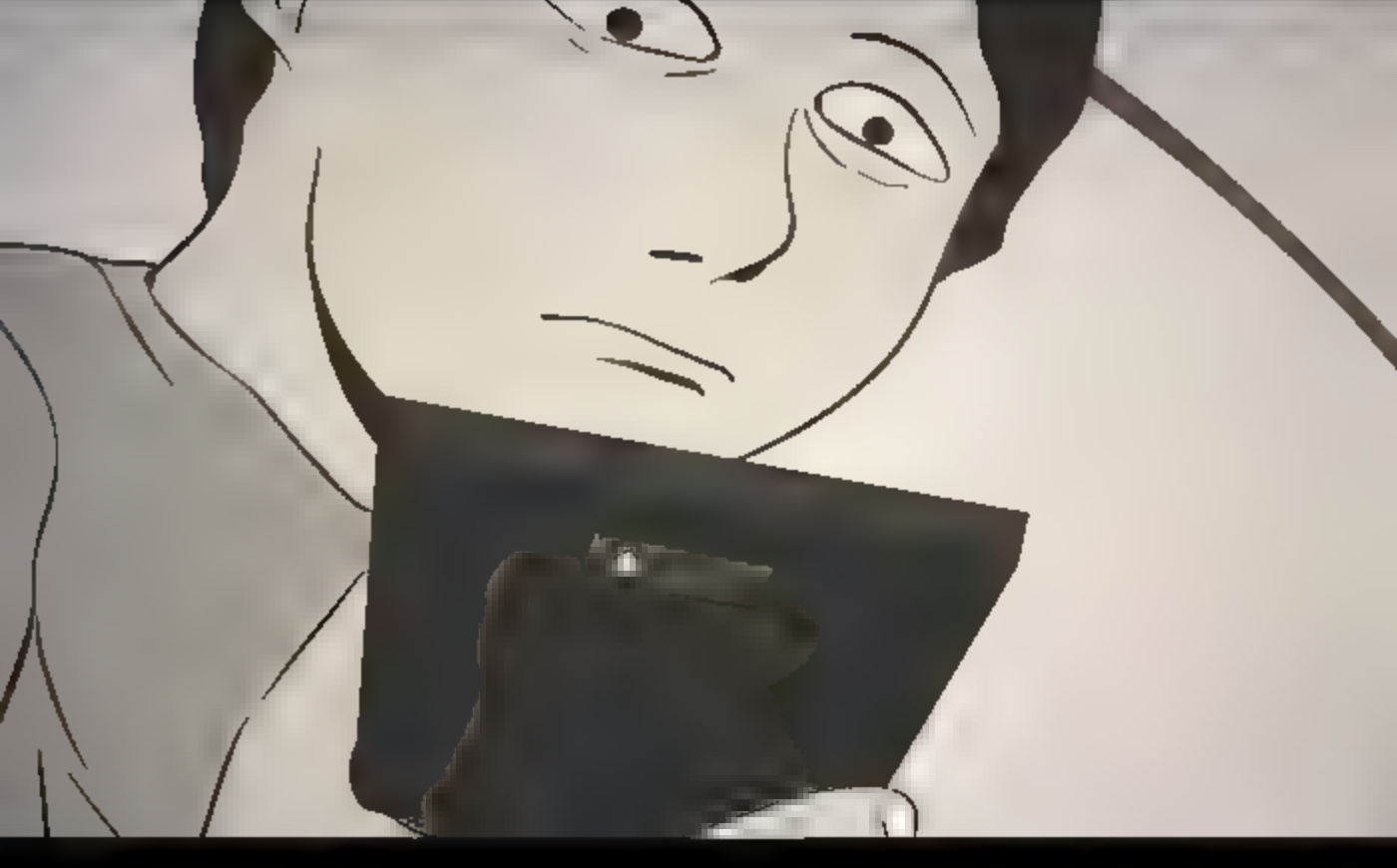
THIS WASN'T A BODY CAM SCAM. THESE LUNATICS.

THEY REALLY WERE INSANE.
MY ENTIRE BODY TREMBLED AND I LOST
ALL STRENGTH IN MY LEGS.


SHOST
I'LL MOVE RIGHT ONTO THE NEXT ONE THEN.
PM 04:03
1408
THIS TIME, I'LL STREAM IT LIVE FROM THE VERY START SO HURRY UP AND DEPOSIT THE MONEY.
OKAY, LET'S SEE THE NEXT ONE!
I SENT TEN PEOPLE'S WORTH AT ONCE
LET'S GOOOOOO PM 04:04
I WANT THE NEXT ONE!
COME ON, I CAN'T WAIT
GOOOOO PM 04:04
NEXT ONE GOOOOOOOO

AFTER GETTING CAUGHT UP IN THE WHIRLPOOL
OF MADNESS UNFOLDING BEFORE MY EYES
AND FEELING CONFUSED
SUDDENLY I RETURNED TO MY SENSES.

BUT. WHY DID THEY INVITE ME?

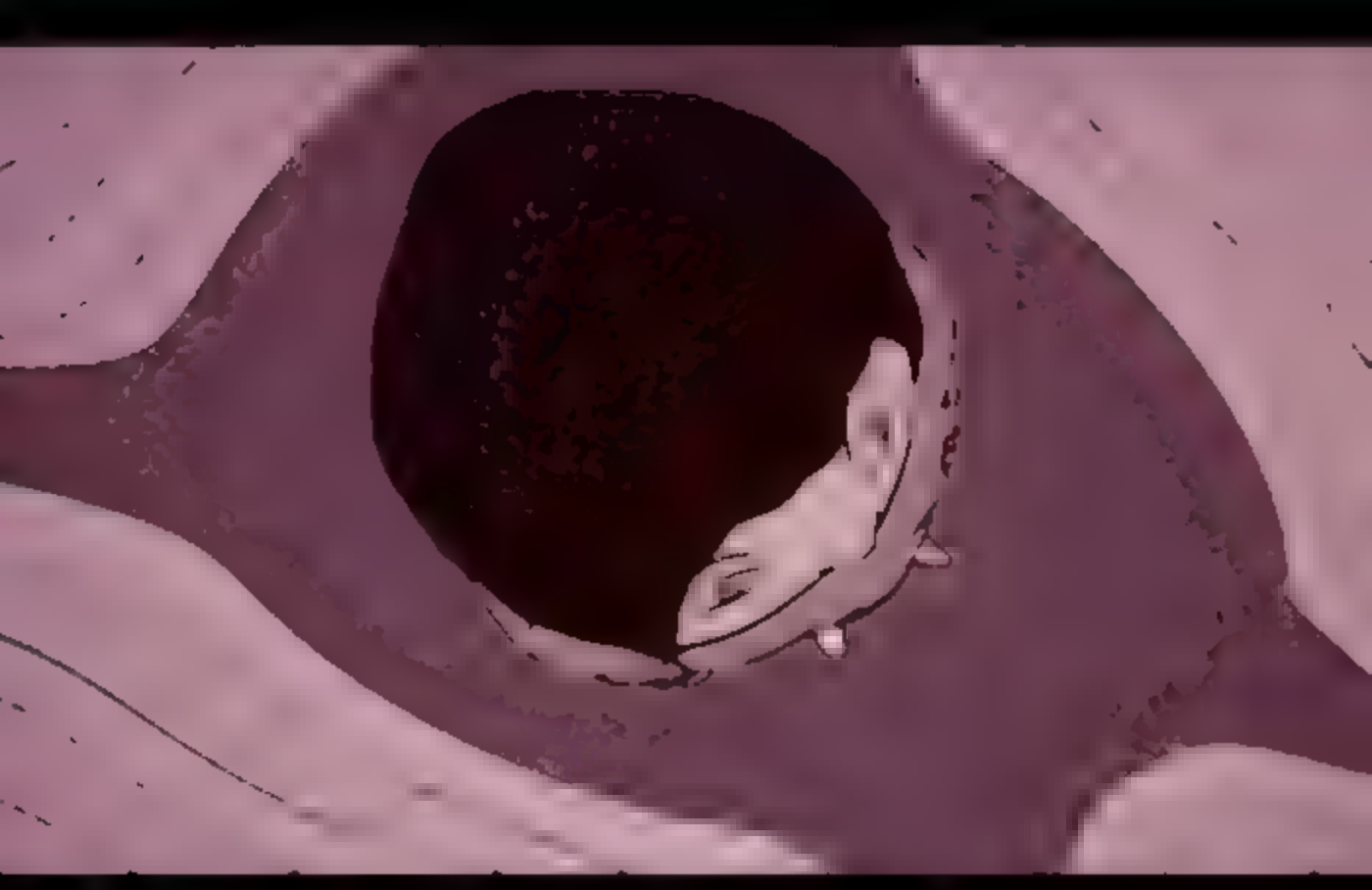


THESE BODY CAM CROOKS INVITE AND BLACKMAIL THE VICTIM'S ACQUAINTANCES.

THAT WAY THEY GET SO EMBARRASSED THAT THEY SEND THEM MONEY.

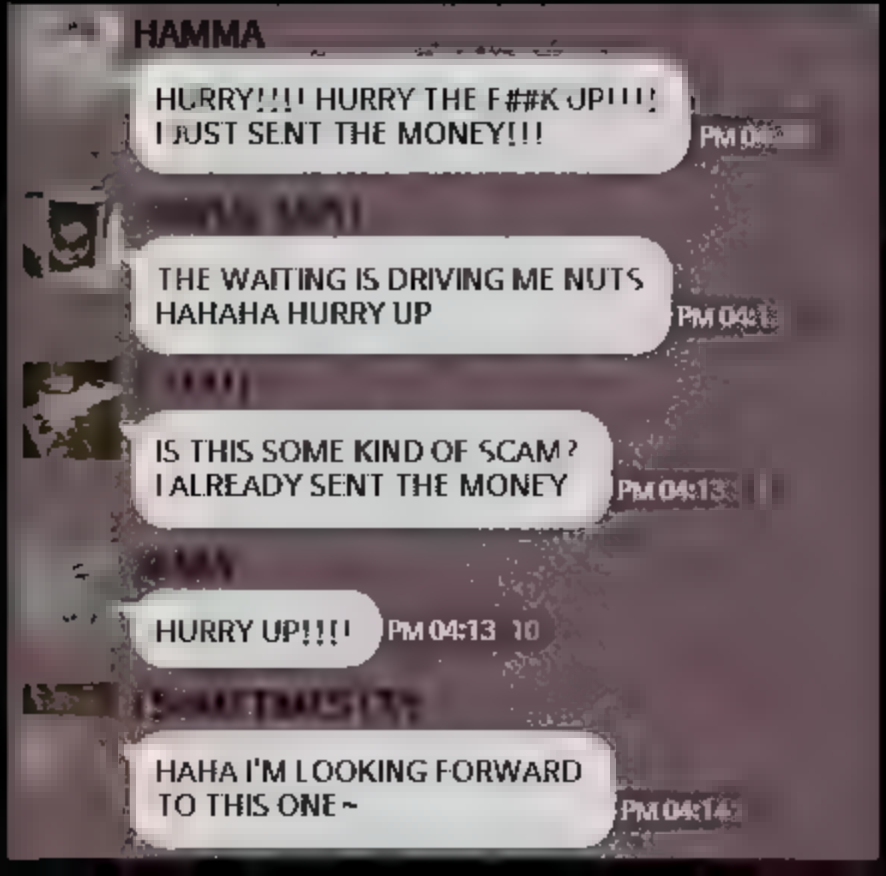
BUT I DON'T KNOW A SINGLE PERSON AMONG THE PEOPLE INVITED HERE.

THIS WASN'T FOR INVITING HIS ACQUAINTANCES. IT'S A GATHERING OF THOSE LUNATICS.



SO, WHY WAS I INVITED TO THIS CHATROOM?

WAIT, HOW DID THEY KNOW MY PHONE NUMBER?


HAMMA
HURRY!!!! HURRY THE F##K UP!!!! I JUST SENT THE MONEY!!!
THE WAITING IS DRIVING ME NUTS HAHAHA HURRY UP
IS THIS SOME KIND OF SCAM? I ALREADY SENT THE MONEY
HURRY UP!!!!
HAHA I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS ONE~

AT THAT MOMENT,

BEEP-

BEEP BEEP BEEP

I HEARD THE SOUND OF SOMEONE ENTERING
THE PASSWORD ON MY DOOR LOCK.

IT WAS ONLY THEN THAT I REALIZED
EXACTLY WHAT WAS GOING ON.

MY LONGTIME FRIEND..
MY REALLY GOOD FRIEND
HANDED OVER MY IDENTITY

UNDER DURESS
IN A FAILED ATTEMPT TO SURVIVE.

MY NAME. MY PHONE NUMBER. MY ADDRESS.

AND.

EVEN MY PASSWORD.

CLICK-

1408
THE NEXT SHOW IS NOW STARTING.
PM 04:16 12

CAM SHOW_THE END

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